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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6858

BILL NUMBER: HB 1455

DATE PREPARED: Feb 27, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Feb 26, 2001

SUBJECT: Various Alcoholic Beverages Issues.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill allows a person at least 19 years of age but less than 21 years of age to serve alcoholic beverages in a dining area or family room of a restaurant or hotel in the course of the person's employment as a waiter, waitress, or server while under the supervision of a person who is at least 21 years of age and who is present at the restaurant or hotel.

The bill adds a holder of a beer wholesaler's permit to those persons required to pay the excise tax on hard cider.

The bill allows a premises to be located within 200 feet of a church if the Commission determines that the church does not object. The bill provides that if the commission determines the church does not object, the commission's determination applies to any renewal of the permit for the premises.

The bill requires the Alcoholic Beverage Commission to report to the Legislative Council a recommendation to improve the quota allocations of alcoholic beverage permits.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon Passage; July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) While the provisions in the bill could increase the administrative costs of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC), any increase is expected to be absorbed using existing staff and resources.

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) *Beer Wholesaler's Permit:* This provision will allow holders of a beer wholesaler's permit to sell hard cider. It is not expected to have a significant impact on state revenues.

Age of Servers: This provision would allow a person that is at least 19 to serve alcoholic beverages in a dining area or family area of a restaurant or hotel. This bill will does allow persons under the age of 21 to

bartend. (Current law requires servers to be at least 21.) Since this bill expands the number of potential servers, it is expected that more ABC Employee Permits will be issued. Employee Permits cost \$20 and are renewable biennially.

Revenue from Employee Permit fees is deposited in the Excise Police Retirement Fund to pay benefits and administrative costs. Surplus revenue goes to the Enforcement and Administration Fund for ABC administrative costs.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Alcoholic Beverage Commission; Legislative Council.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Don Okey, Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 232-2463.